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APPENDIX VIII.

[Vide answer to question No. 1291 asked by Mr. K. Uppi Sahib at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 1st February 1929, page 546 supra.]

Institution of Second Appeals, Criminal and Civil Appeals in the High Court during the last five years.

—	First Appeals.	O.S. Appeals.	C.C.S. Appeals.	L.P. Appeals.	Second Appeals.	C.M. Appeals.	C.M.S. Appeals.	Referred Trials.	Criminal Appeals.
1924	469	92	41	181	1,462	480	146	103	700
1925	472	132	66	299	1,908	567	172	84	720
1926	373	124	49	428	1,984	471	135	100	700
1927	448	101	60	329	2,469	524	250	94	750
1928	482	143	58	107	1,849	549	197	149	787

Disposal of Second Appeals for the last five years—

1924	1,782
1925	1,575
1926	1,645
1927	1,463
1928	1,193

Second Appeals ready for hearing during the last three years—

on 1st January 1926 ..	1,421
on 1st January 1927 ..	1,292
on 1st January 1928 ..	1,495
on 1st January 1929 ..	1,620

APPENDIX IX.

[Vide answer to question No. 1310 asked by Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 1st February 1929, page 555 supra.]

Improvements to the Chennur causeway—Suggestions of Superintending Engineer, Madras Circle.

The failure of the surki concrete as the wearing surface raises a general question whether that material is unsuitable altogether for the wearing surface. Blue metal in surki mortar has stood well elsewhere under similar and even worse conditions of traffic and water action. The failure in the present case is probably due to the use of 'Kankar pebble,' granite slab pavement 4" thick as proposed is therefore approved.

2. When a causeway is laid across a river, there is as a rule, the permanent rising of the bed level above the causeway and in the very design primarily, the inevitable rising of the bed level should have been taken into consideration and the design made. In this case this point was not taken into consideration in the first design and the consequent difficulties must be faced now.

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3. The hanging groynes now proposed will cause diversion of currents which may damage the causeway itself. A general elevation of the formation level of the causeway and provision of fresh vents can only remedy the evil. The sand filling proposed at the ends will not stand for one season. The whole scheme cannot be estimated at one stretch for want of funds. The first instalment may be limited to Rs. 20,000 but the scheme should have in view the ultimate raising of the formation level and introduction of vents.

Appendix X.

[Vide answer to question No. 1327 asked by Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 1st February 1929, page 564 supra.]

Letter from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Local Self-Government (Public Health) Department, R. No. 13-General, dated the 14th January 1929.

I have the honour to furnish below seriatim answers to the several clauses of the Legislative Council question :—

(*a*) Yes, a steward clerk was appointed to the Government Hospital, Coonoor, during the month of November 1928.

(*b*) A list of candidates who applied for the post with their caste and qualifications is enclosed. From a perusal of the list it is noted that the great majority of the candidates who applied for the post had no office experience. There is only one clerk (steward clerk) sanctioned for the hospital : he has to work single handed and the Civil Surgeon considered that an experienced clerk was necessary. The Civil Surgeon states that before the present clerk was appointed the following candidates were given a trial for the period specified against their names and that they were found unsuitable :—

(1) T. M. Koshi, B.A., Christian, from 14th August 1928 to 1st September 1928.

(2) Shivan Achary, Hindu, from 1st September 1928 to 17th October 1928.

(3) Kanakasabha, Adi-Dravida, an unqualified man from 1st November 1928 to 17th November 1928.

(*c*) The present steward clerk is a relation by marriage of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon in charge of out-patients of the hospital and is a man of good character and qualifications with experience of Government office work. He is a permanent clerk in the Malabar Collector's Office (Forest Branch).

(*d*) There is no information on this point.

(*e*) The post was advertised in the *Fort St. George Gazette* in its issue of 10th July 1928. In this connexion it is also pointed out that at the instance of the Civil Surgeon endeavours were made by this office to post a suitable junior clerk attached to the District Medical Officers' offices of neighbouring districts and State Hospitals in Madras City to the Government Hospital, Coonoor, but none of the clerks was willing for transfer to Coonoor.

(*f*) The defalcations were made by clerks who had no family ties with any of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons then on duty in the hospital. The present Sub-Assistant Surgeons of the hospital are reported to be men of good family, of unblemished character and of unsullied record in Government service, and they are not likely to recommend for a responsible post any relation who is likely to bring discredit to the family.